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PRISON CHAPEL DEDICATION CEREMONY 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT LUTHER LUCKETT CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX

LAGRANGE, KY – A dedication ceremony is scheduled for the new chapel at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex (LLCC), located at 1612 Dawkins Road in LaGrange, KY. Department of Corrections officials and local community representatives will participate in the dedication ceremony, which will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10.

The new chapel, with a seating capacity of 150, was built for inmates by inmates who are housed at LLCC. LLCC received a private donation of \$150,000, which was put toward the final \$200,000 construction cost. Ground breaking for the chapel was held in March 1999. Certificate of occupancy was granted in August 2001 and the new chapel began operating all religious programming in mid September.

Construction was lengthy, from March 1999 to August 2001, because three prison vocational education classes received hands-on instructional training at the site. The electricity, masonry, and carpentry instructors supervised the project in their respective areas, as well as work on the HVAC system. The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) operates educational and vocational learning classes at LLCC and other adult institutions.

An open house on October 2 was held for the inmates of the 1000 bed, all male, medium security facility, along with more than 100 dedicated religious volunteers from the community.

This is the second chapel at a Kentucky correctional facility to be built using privately donated funds and inmate labor. Frankfort Career Development Center (FCDC), a minimum-security institution located in Frankfort, KY, opened a chapel in August 2001.